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Elba City Council moves forward with financing for new fire truck

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Sept. 8, council members voted to approve a resolution for a Fiscal Year 2026 airport improvement project grant application for state and federal funds.

If approved, the grant funding would be used for a parking lot construction project at Carl Folsom Airport in Elba. It also would include construction of a new airport terminal.

Upon request of the Elba Masonic Lodge, the council voted to allow for three sides of the downtown square to be closed to traffic Saturday, Oct. 11, for the 4th annual Wheels on the

Square car show and Blood Drive. The Davis Street side of the square will remain open during this event.

The council further approved the use of the library and senior citizens facilities for bathrooms during the event.

A lease funding agreement was approved for the fire department regarding the previously approved purchase of a new fire truck. This agreement is with Sunbelt Fire.

The funding agreement is for 10 years at an annual interest rate of 5.32 percent. According to the financing proposal, truck cost is \$700,000 with a down payment of \$250,000; therefore, the financed amount

would be \$450,000. The annual payment amount approved will be \$58,607.75 with the first payment due July 1, 2026.

In her report to council members, city clerk Sally Bane said safety concerns had been raised regarding parking on the side of the street by the Elba Splash Pad.

Bane said Williams Signs is making some no parking signs and an "X" will be painted on the spots currently open to parking. Then, she said a cross walk will be painted to help get Splash Pad visitors across the street.

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The City of Elba Electric Department employees along with members of the Elba Fire Department were dispatched to the Kendrick Street area Tuesday, Sept. 9, around 12:15 regarding a tree limb that had fallen on a powerline and was creating an electrical fire on the lines. Above, an electrical crew member is shown in the bucket truck after successfully cutting the limb from the powerline.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Successful reopening of county lake reported

by Linda Hodge, Publisher

During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, Sept. 8, county officials reported a successful reopening last week of the Coffee County Lake.

"As you know, we opened up the Coffee County Lake this past Thursday for the first time in several years and since we've been able to have some management roles," said county engineer Michael Walters. "All in all it was a pretty successful opening, and we look forward to seeing where this is going in the future."

Currently, the lake is open each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from sunrise until sunset.

Walters reported that 291 fishing permits were sold on the first three days of the reopening. He said that in-

cluded 87 sold on Thursday, 73 sold on Friday, and 131 sold on Saturday. Also, he said children do not have to have a permit to fish at the lake, and there was approximately 50 children that visited the lake to fish during those days.

"We also had multiple visitors that just came to see how things look and enjoy the area," Walters said.

As for fish, Walters said the opening three days saw 179 bluegill, 163 shell crackers, 251 bass, 68 channel catfish, one crappie, and two mud catfish caught.

"That is just what was weighed in and kept," Walters said. "We had many more fish caught and released back into the lake."

Commission chairman Kim Ellis said he visited the lake over the weekend, and the catfish being caught were weighing in at an average of 5 pound apiece.

"That is a pretty good chunk of meat," Ellis said.

Commissioner Joey Powell said he too visited the lake on Saturday, and he said he looks really nice with everything that has been done thus far.

"Those who have worked on it have done a really good job," he said. "I talked to several people also while there, and they were very appreciative of what we

have done."

Also, during Monday's meeting, commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2026 budget in the amount of \$41,618,899.93. According to county administrator Rod Morgan, the budget includes a 2.5 percent COLA [Cost of Living Adjustment] for all employees.

The FY2026 budge is an 11.43 percent increase over the current year's budget. Morgan said a large portion of the increase could be attributed to equipment purchases budget for FY26. He noted the county's garbage trucks would be replaced in the fiscal year.

The budget passed with a 5-1 vote. Commissioner Clint Grantham said his no vote was because he was "fully committed to a 3-year package for compensation for employees, and we are not able to do that this year."

Additionally, commissioners voted to renew its contract with SARCOA for the senior centers, and they voted to enter a contract with Wayne Farms to provide solid waste disposal and roll off services for that company.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m., inside the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Public Announcement from the Evergreen Cemetery Board:

Our city cemeteries hold a special place in many of our hearts. These sacred grounds are home to Elba's founding fathers and a final resting place to many we hold dear.

We are asking for the relatives of these loved ones to help us in maintaining Evergreen Cemetery and Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. We are asking at this time, all non-permitted items be removed prior to October 1, 2025 or be subject to disposal by our maintenance crew. Permanent headstones and flower receptacles made of like material are currently the only permissible items per deed restrictions.

Non-conforming items included currently in the deeds are described as follows: No obstructions other than coping may be placed or erected at or around the margins of the above described lots lying East of Highway 189. Living plants are also prohibited. Artificial flowers must be utilized in conjunction with a permanently affixed vase or similar piece designed to secure said arrangements. Glass wear, memorial canvases, shepherd hooks, figurines, and other trinkets deemed breakable, or in any way affect the ability to maintain the site, are prohibited.

These restrictions run with the land and are necessary when using machinery for caretaker activities. For questions regarding items deemed allowable, please contact our sexton at 334-389-4458.

Sincerely,
Evergreen Cemetery Board

Annual Jack Day event set for Saturday in Zion Chapel community

Members of Altrusa International of Jack, Ala. turn this weekend to the community for help in raising funds for the club's annual service projects.

The 22nd annual Jack Day Festival and 8th Annual Jack Day Car Show will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the practice fields for Zion Chapel School (Hwy 87 just north of the Zion Chapel School main entry).

"The annual Jack Day Community Festival and Car Show are two of our biggest fundraising events," Kelley said. "Altrusa's main focus is literacy. With events, like these, we raise

money throughout the year to fund our service projects which include but are not limited to the Rebel Reader's Book Vending Machine and restock of books for that machine, Little Libraries throughout the community, Back-to-School books for all Pre-K and kindergarten students at Zion Chapel, donations to various sports and organizations at the school, Christmas for Children, and even international events."

All in all, Kelley said the members of Altrusa of Jack strive to fulfill needs, whatever they may be, when one is recognized in the Jack community. However, to be

able to fulfill these needs, she said the club must raise funds yearly, and the Jack Day Festival allows Altrusa of Jack to raise these funds.

Now in its 22nd year, the Jack Day Festival has grown each year, and club members are very excited about this year's event. Kelley this is shaping up to be the biggest event yet with over 80 vendors [including food vendors]

signed up to be on site.

While arts and crafts are the focus of the event, there are activities and entertainment planned throughout the day. There will be food, games, entertainment, the car show and more.

Kelley encourages everyone to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day. There is no admission charge to attend the Jack Day festival.



GREAT ACHIEVEMENT...The senior class at Kinston School earlier this week received recognition for its "Top 10" ranking in the state for ACT Math proficiency. According to the list released, Kinston School came in at #10 for the Class of 2026 in math proficiency on the ACT. The Kinston seniors were celebrated with a party including beverages from Grit + Grind along with chips and cupcakes. Kinston had a 54.55 proficiency percentage to earn the top ten spot. Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb said this is a great accomplishment for the Class of 2026 at Kinston. She said it shows the hard work and dedication of not only the students but of the staff too, and she wanted to extend her congratulations to Kinston on this great achievement. Members of the Class of 2026 at Kinston are pictured above.

Area Happenings

Football games Friday night, Sept. 12, include Elba traveling to Kinston, New Brockton hosting Daleville, Zion Chapel hosting Highland Home, and Brantley hosting Red Level. Kickoff for games is set for 7 p.m.

The Coffee County Soil & Water Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting along with the annual Work Group Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Coffee County Extension Kitchen, located at 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. If planning to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3. Space is limited.

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Senior Center. There will be a guest speaker attending. All members are asked to attend.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Sept. 2, through Monday, Sept. 8, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Sept. 2 – Motor vehicle crash reported at 2667 Hickman Ave (7:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 891 Cedar Lane Dr (9:31 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 622 Newton St (12:05 p.m.); Motor vehicle crash reported at 301 Larkin Rd (2:05 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (8:50 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, three written warnings, two citations and one arrest.

Wednesday, Sept. 3 – Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (10:59 a.m.); Harassment reported at 412 Claxton Ave N (5:59 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 517 Williams Ave (10:21 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings, two written warnings and two citations.

Thursday, Sept. 4 – Suspicious vehicle report-

ed at 994 Hwy 203 (2:31 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 360 Reddoch Hill Rd (12:31 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 475 Smith Ave (2:19 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 211 Plant Ave (5:00 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1816 County Rd 249 (5:25 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Sunset Blvd/Hwy 203 (7:18 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Reese Ave/County Rd 407 (11:02 p.m.); Prowler reported at 919 Flournoy Dr (11:31 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

Friday, Sept. 5 – Suspicious person reported at Reese Ave/Payne St (4:26 a.m.); Motor vehicle crash reported at Troy Hwy/Smith Ave (10:20 a.m.); Motor vehicle crash reported at 429 Claxton Ave N (10:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 595 Newton St (10:35 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (10:51 a.m.); Assault reported at 895 Old Samson Rd (5:01 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two written warnings and one citation.

Saturday, Sept. 6 – Animal complaint reported

at Polka Ave N/Putnam St (12:46 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning and one no action taken.

Sunday, Sept. 7 – Animal complaint reported at 1401 Martin Luther King Dr (8:02 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at Reese Ave/Ann St (11:52 a.m.); Domestic reported at 1105 Guyton St (12:09 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 716 Troy Hwy (1:55 p.m.). Three traffic

stops resulted in three written warnings.

Monday, Sept. 8 – Animal complaint reported at 494 Newton St (8:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 219 Old Samson Rd (12:13 p.m.); Reckless driver reported in area of Hickman Ave and Taylor Ave (1:33 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr (5:02 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings.



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

You know when someone says, "I think that..." Well, Cuzin Lou Lou has figured out recently that Sister doesn't "think" about her ideas!

Now, before all the Sister fans get upset over that statement, there is more to the tale.

During a recent weekend trip Lou Lou came to realize that sister doesn't say "I think that" - instead, she begins such a phrase with "I feel that..."

After realizing Sister had said it that way more than one time in the same day, she concluded it is never a thought process for Sister. It is a process of feelings!

Apparently, for Sister, it gives her ideas extra emphasis for her to present them as a feeling rather than a thought.

When Lou Lou shared her observation with Sister, it earned one of Sister's famous eyerolls and a "whatever" remark.

However, Lou Lou and Sister have enjoyed more than one laugh off it since Lou Lou said something!

Every time Sister starts a conversation with "I feel that," Lou Lou will simply reply, "Oh, boy here we go again with you all in your feelings!"

Sister has begun replying, "That's right! So, you better be listening!"

Sister should know by now that Lou Lou is always listening...well, most of the time anyway!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Windy Thoughts
with Linda Hodge, Publisher

While the garbage pickup services in Elba now contracted to MDI seems to be going pretty well, there is a common complaint from residents...we share in this complaint. For whatever reason, the MDI workers do not close the lids on trash cans after emptying them. We do not understand why they don't flip that lid back over when returning the container to the resident's property. We traveled behind the garbage truck recently on Highland Drive and observed their process. It seemed clear to us that it would not take much effort at all by the MDI employee to flip the lid closed as he/she returns the container after it has been emptied.

This topic is concerning enough that it was discussed Monday night during the Elba City Council meeting as council member Johnathan Lockett expressed his concerns too. He asked that MDI be contacted and urged to make the effort and close the lids of the trash cans after being emptied. Lockett said the complaints for this one thing have been growing, and he said he too is tired of the issues that leaving the lids open creates, especially if it rains during that time. The entire council seemed to agree this is an issue that should be addressed with MDI - so, let's hope we will see a change to that quickly! After all, as council member Jane Brunson noted, when MDI was making routine visits to Elba trying to secure the garbage pickup contract, they ensured their service would be the best the city could get. We contend for it to be that, the garbage lids need to be closed after the cans are emptied!

Another issue is that the cans are not always placed back onto the curb of each property. Instead, some are left in the actual roadway. Again, it would be best for those cans to be placed back up on the curbs out of the roadway. Leaving them in the roadway only creates a road hazard. Hopefully, this too will be addressed and fixed.

We heard positive feedback from the reopening of the Coffee County Lake last week! The lake currently is open each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from sunup to sundown. Over the first three days of the reopening last week there were 291 fishing permits purchased, and reportedly there were at least another 50 children (of the age that do not require a permit) wetting hooks too! Also, the reports were that the fish were definitely biting! So, if you enjoy fishing, sounds like making a trip out to the Coffee County Lake could be a fun time right now.

Also, while discussing the Coffee County Lake, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox noted during Monday night's council meeting that he had spoken to the lake manager, and the word was that the current condition of the lake property would be the worst anyone will see moving forward. The county is still working to make improvements on the lake property, and they contend only better is coming for this recreational asset. We hope all this is true because the Coffee County Lake is a beautiful property that should be used and enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who have put the efforts in to getting the lake open and operational again. The community was ready!

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- Marketing
- Cooperative Education
- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Business Management and Administration
- Dual Enrollment Program (in partnership with Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and Enterprise State Community College)
- Transportation - Distribution and Logistics
- Education and Training
- Health Science
- Architecture and Construction

Students interested in career and technical education programs should contact their high school counselor. For general information about these programs, contact:

Gray Harrison, Special Programs Coordinator, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323; Telephone: 334-897-5016/Fax 334-897-6207; Email: harrisong@coffeecounty.k12.al.us

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LEGAL NOTICES: (More on Pages 4 & 5)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by the terms of that certain Construction Mortgage executed by RJ RESTORATION, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, to 2LO, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, dated February 3, 2022, and recorded on February 3, 2022, in Official Records Book 976, at Page 139, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama; and said default continuing; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, 2LO, LLC, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama, in Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Thursday, October 16, 2025, the following described property: A lot or parcel of land lying on the north side of West Lee Street in the City of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, and being a part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 20, T4N, R22E; and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the point where the north boundary line of West Lee Street intersects the east boundary line of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 20, T4N, R22E, thence running S 53°53' W along the north boundary line of West Lee Street for a distance of 102.6' to the point of beginning, thence continuing S 53°53' W for a distance of 140.4' to a point, thence running S 33°45' W along the north boundary line of West Lee Street for a distance of 53.4 feet to a point, thence running N 62°55' W for a distance of 132.5' to a point in the run

of a branch, thence running in a northeasterly direction along run of said branch for a distance of 252.5', thence running S 37°34' E for a distance of 125.5' to the point of beginning. This property will be sold on an as is, where is basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled

thereto. *Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.* This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact H. Samuel Prim, III at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale. Dated this the 4th day of September, 2025. BY: H. Samuel Prim, III Prim & Mendheim, LLC Attorney for Mortgagee 103 Jamestown Boulevard Dothan, Alabama 36302 (334) 671-9555 (File No.: 25-1083) 9/11, 18&25-chg.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of CONNIE GENE HUDSON, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-160

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Connie Jean Molles a/k/a Connie Jean (Hudson) Nunez, Personal Representatives, on the 20th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 20th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
8/28, 9/4 & 11-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF RUBIN MCKINNON, deceased.
CASE NO: PR-2025-101

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letter of administration of said deceased having been granted to Roshanda Amy McKinnon on the 20th day of August 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 20th day of August 2025.
Roshanda Amy McKinnon
Personal Representative
Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Petitioner
8/28, 9/4 & 11-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Rhett Alan Dean, Deceased
Case No. 25-120

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Lisa Dean Parker, Personal Representative, on the 18th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.
/s/ Toby L Seay
Judge of Probate
Alfred J. Danner
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Geneva, AL 36340
8/28, 9/4 & 11-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Wade H. Paramore, DECEASED
CASE NO: PR-2025-175**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Shirley G. Paramore as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wade H. Paramore, deceased, on the 27th day of August, 2025, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.Shirley G. Paramore, Personal Representative of the Estate of Wade H. Paramore.
c/o April D. Wise, Esq.
Attorney for the Personal Representative
Balch & Bingham LLP
4445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 8000
Montgomery, AL 36104The above Legal Notice is hereby authorized and approved by the Judge of Probate on this 27th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF COREY LYNN RICE, DECEASED.**ASHLEY DIANNE RICE, PETITIONER**
Case No.: 25-0086

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATRIX

Take notice that Letters of Administration having been granted to Ashley Dianne Rice, as Administratrix of the Estate of Corey Lynn Rice, who departed from this life on the 11th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay.Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred. Ashley Dianne Rice
Administratrix of the Estate of Corey Lynn Rice, deceased.
Counsel for the Estate
David W. Rousseau, Esq.
Rousseau Law Firm
Post Office Box 10
Hartford, Alabama 36344
(334)588-3333
Facsimile: (334)588-0046
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. COXWELL, Deceased,
CASE NO.: 2025-126

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to Alicia Weed, on the 26 day of August 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Alicia Weed
Alicia Weed
Personal Representative
R. Bruce Hall, Attorney
Post Office Box 1748
Dothan, Alabama 36302
334-793-3610
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The estate of PAUL PHILLIPS, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2025-167**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Take notice that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Shallis Phillips Strickland, as Personal Representative of the estate of Paul Phillips Strickland, deceased on the 30th day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Gary D Bradshaw
Gary D Bradshaw (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 311412
Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
(334)393-6439 / (334)393-7163 fax
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL EDWIN HOLLINHEAD, DECEASED
CASE NO. PR-2025-108

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been grant-

ed to Clayton E. Hollinhead, Personal Representative, on the 3rd day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMY PERCY BOYKINS, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2025-181**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters of Administration having been granted to Alison Frazier as Administrator of the Estate of Jimmy Percy Boykins, deceased, on the 3rd day of September 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLADYS JANE MERRIHEW, Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2025-173

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of GLADYS JANE MERRIHEW, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred./s/ Gerry N. Merrihew
Gerry N. Merrihew
Administrator of said Estate
9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA DEE LONG, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC-2025-066

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Karen Henley, Personal Representative, on the 2nd day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
9/11, 18, 25-pd.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that L&K Contracting Co., Inc., 2187 Hartford Hwy, Taylor, AL 36305 has completed all work on the SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR GRIFFIN AND HENDRIX AVE; CWSRF PROJECT NO. CS010936-01 in the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board; Geneva County, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the Manager of the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board.
9/11, 18 & 25-pd.

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IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of George Adams, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-180

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to J. E. Sawyer, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 27th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 27th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Jodee Thompson
Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge
9/11, 18 & 25-pd

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION CASE NO.: CV-2025-900105.00

SAMUEL B. REDMON, Plaintiff VS. Parcel ID: 17-01-02-0-000-010.000, THE SE ¼ OF SE 1/4, S02-T3N-R22E, COFFEE COUNTY, ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA, AND OTHERS WHO CLAIM INTEREST, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The parcel of land located at State Highway 167 and Highway 92 in Coffee County, Enterprise, Alabama, and anyone who claims an interest in the subject property known as Parcel ID: 17-01-02-0-000-010.000, whose present whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title of Plaintiff, Samuel B. Redmon, in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division, and other relief on or before October 18, 2025, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendants in Case No.: CV-2025-900105.00, Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division. /s/ Amy L. Reeves Circuit Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, AL 36340
(334) 684-8524
8/28,9/4,11&18-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Audrey Evelyn Batchelor, Deceased. Case No.: PR-2025-148

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letter Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Wanda Marie Maddox, Personal Representative, on the 25th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 25th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
8/28, 9/4, 11-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF AMANDA ELIZABETH GROUT CASE NO. PR-2025-165

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR AD LITEM

Letter of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Hon. Terry G. Key Administrator Ad Litem of the

Estate of Amanda Elizabeth Grout
c/o Carl E. Underwood, III, Esq.
Jacoby & Meyers Law Firm
300 N Foster Street
Dothan, Alabama 36303
8/28, 9/4, 11-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHNNIE D. OLIVER, Deceased. CASE NO. PC 2025-064

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of the said Deceased having been granted to Edna Mack on the 26th day of

August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Raley L. Wiggins Capell & Howard, P.C. P.O. Box 2069 (36102-2069)
150 South Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
8/28,9/4&11-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID TAYLOR YOUNG, DECEASED CAUSE NO. PR-2024-094

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

You will please take notice that on the 2nd day of July, 2025, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition for Final Settlement, Distribution of Intestate Estate and Discharge of Administrator was filed by Marcia Young and Diane Narbon, the Administrators of the Estate of David Taylor Young and that the 6th day of October, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

Done, this the 25th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
8/28,9/4&11-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The estate of LOIS DIANA BRANSON, Deceased. CASE NO. PR 2025-168

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary having been granted to KENNETH FRANKLIN BRANSON, as Personal Representative of the estate of Lois Diana Branson, deceased on the 30th day of July, 2025, by Honorable Jodee Thompson.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Gary D Bradshaw
Gary D Bradshaw (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF AMANDA ELIZABETH GROUT CASE NO. PR-2025-165

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR AD LITEM

Letter of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Hon. Terry G. Key Administrator Ad Litem of the

Estate of Amanda Elizabeth Grout
c/o Carl E. Underwood, III, Esq.
Jacoby & Meyers Law Firm
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Dothan, Alabama 36303
8/28, 9/4, 11-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHNNIE D. OLIVER, Deceased. CASE NO. PC 2025-064

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of the said Deceased having been granted to Edna Mack on the 26th day of

August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Tina Patrick Tina Patrick
Personal Representative of said Estate
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MODULAR CLASSROOM RELOCATION AT NEW BROCKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS ELBA, ALABAMA MCKEE PROJECT NO. 25-210

Requirements:

Separate sealed proposals shall be received by **Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent** at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323 **until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, September 23, 2025**, then opened and read aloud for the following:

Proposals: Bidders to include all work per proposal at both sites, demo and new installation:
Proposal A - Electrical
Proposal B - Fire Alarm
Proposal C - Walkways, ramps, steps
Proposal D - Plumbing

Now, this the 25th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
8/28,9/4&11-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The estate of LOIS DIANA BRANSON, Deceased. CASE NO. PR 2025-168

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary having been granted to KENNETH FRANKLIN BRANSON, as Personal Representative of the estate of Lois Diana Branson, deceased on the 30th day of July, 2025, by Honorable Jodee Thompson.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Gary D Bradshaw
Gary D Bradshaw (BRA074)
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF AMANDA ELIZABETH GROUT CASE NO. PR-2025-165

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of the said Deceased having been granted to Edna Mack on the 26th day of

August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Tina Patrick Tina Patrick
Personal Representative of said Estate
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

assignment; said mortgage transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company and recorded in OFFREC Book 970, Pg 24; said mortgage transferred and assigned to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC and recorded in OFFREC Book 1166, Pg 101; said mortgage transferred and assigned to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and recorded in OFFREC Book 1185, Pg 309 et seq., in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due on April 9, 2025, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of May 9, 2025 is \$207,793.47; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded in OFFREC Book: 1285, Page: 266, in the Probate Records of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby giving that on the **9th day of October, 2025** between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at a public auction in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County, Alabama, Courthouse, in the City of Geneva, Geneva County, Alabama, to the highest bidder:

THE EAST 125' OF LOT 10, AND LOT 9, BLOCK "B", JERNIGAN ADDITION #2, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA. PLAT OF SAID ADDITION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK, PAGE 54, RECORDS OF THE PROBATE OFFICE, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA. June M. Moseley is the surviving grantee of the deed recorded in Deed Book 21, Pg 626. The other grantee Joel H. Moseley died on June 18, 2001. Property being sold "AS IS". Property is subject to any title deficiencies. No representation is made as to the title to the subject property. Commonly known as: 604 W Camelia St., Geneva, AL 36340.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$217,137.07 plus interest, fees and costs. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro-rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$21,713.70 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$21,713.70 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that

are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extension will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgage or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure sale is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid in if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$207,793.47 as of May 9, 2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: August 27, 2025

Mark A. Pickens, Foreclosure Commissioner for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, P.O. Box 26101, Birmingham, AL 35260, (205)933-1169, (205)933-6929 facsimile, MAP#25-0062 9/4,11&18-chg.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated July 2, 2003, executed by Deana J. Pierce, an unmarried wom-

an, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Synovus Mortgage Corp., which mortgage was recorded on July 7, 2003, Book 231, Page 242, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee - Enterprise County, Alabama and which mortgage was, duly transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Coffee County Courthouse at Enterprise, Alabama during the legal hours of sale on May 07, 2025, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee - Enterprise County, Alabama, to-wit: LOT 7, BLOCK C, FIRST ADDITION TO WILLOW BEND SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 63, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

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To this end you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded, at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Padgett Law Group at 4245 Balmoral Drive SW, Suite 101 Huntsville, AL 35801. Padgett Law Group reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While I will admit I didn't exactly enjoy doing the radio broadcast of Elba's 50-20 loss to McKenzie last week, the ride home was even less enjoyable as I took a ride in a rescue squad ambulance and made a stop at a hospital in Andalusia after becoming dehydrated at the game. The care of the people at the game was great and the prayer said before leaving in the ambulance made me feel at ease, but it took almost six hours in the emergency room to get me in shape to head back home and in bed for a weekend filled with rest. Maybe it's time to ask Coach Cooper to only schedule teams that have an air conditioned pressbox.

For what it is worth....

*** *After Elba's first two losses this season* everyone was concerned with the fact it had only scored six points in two games, but seemed to forget the fact the Tigers had allowed 105 points, and all the talk was about their offensive woes. Last week the Tigers rushed for over 200 yards and passed for over 100 yards as they put twenty points on the scoreboard. However, the defense gave up fifty points in two and a half quarters, which made it clear that while the offense is still looking for an identity, the defense is still looking for players that want to step up and hit folks. Back before the season started most fans thought it was very possible Elba would be 0-3 after three games, but I don't think anyone thought the Tigers would have been outscored 155-26 in the three games, and that is what has fans, as well as players and coaches, concerned as the youth and inexperience of the team has been a bigger factor than feared. At McKenzie last week Elba only dressed out 24 players, which included five eighth and ninth graders, and the difference in the skill levels of the teams was obvious. If there is a positive after three losses, it has to be that the Tigers have found out they can run the football, have a couple of quality receivers and that the team is still willing to work hard to improve. Hopefully those factors will soon lead to an Elba win and the Tigers will catch fire, play with emotion and make a run that proves the slow start was just a lesson that had to be learned.

*** *It wasn't the best of weeks for the teams in the area* as only Brantley was able to post a win in their region openers. * *Brantley put six points on the scoreboard* and turned things over to its defense in a 6-0 win over Pleasant Home. The Bulldog defense bounced back big after allowing seventy-five points a week ago, and proved once again that defense can win football games. * *New Brockton lost more than just a few feathers* in a 49-7 road loss to Opp. The Gamecocks committed seven turnovers to drop their region opener, and learned again that a team's record means nothing once the ball is kicked off. * *Kinston battled for all four quarters* in a 29-22 region loss to Red Level, but proved once again the Bulldogs will fight hard every night out and are still a team to keep an eye on in the region standings. * *Zion Chapel dropped a hard fought* 31-21 region contest to Goshen in a game that went down to the wire. The Rebels have used the motto that they play with a 'chip on their shoulders' due to a lack of respect in the past, but it is time for a new motto, because for at least the past two years everyone respects Zion Chapel football.

*** *The region wars may have kicked off* across the state last weekend, but it looks like the rich only got richer as the top three teams in all seven classes combined to win twenty of their twenty-one games. Looking back.... (1A) #1 Wadley flattened Fayetteville 56-27, #2 Leroy mopped up McIntosh 42-26 and #3 Maplesville eased past Ellwood Christian 58-0, while closer to home Sweet Water slipped to 0-2 with a 25-12 loss to Millry and Georgiana outscored Florala 38-28. (2A) #1 Tuscaloosa Academy topped Aliceville 20-13, #2 Reeltown straightened Horseshoe Bend 54-14 and #3 Pisgah slapped Section 52-6, while closer to home Cottonwood slipped to 0-2 with a 29-22 loss to Providence Christian, Ariton humbled Houston County 56-14, G.W. Long rolled over Samson 35-18, Geneva County outscored Abbeville 44-42, and in a stunner, Pike Liberal Arts was upset by Calhoun 20-14. (3A) #1 Mars Hill clobbered Colbert County 62-24, Piedmont popped Ohatchee 61-6 and #3 Geraldine blistered Asbury 62-6, while closer to home Houston Academy was mauled by Montgomery Academy 48-7, Wicksburg whipped Slocumb 56-6 and Northside Methodist opened its season with a 45-8 loss to Alabama Christian. (4A) #1 Jackson blanked Escambia County 40-0, #2 St. Michaels outscored W.S. Neal 43-29 and #3 West Morgan thumped West Limestone 49-29, while closer to home Opp went to 2-0 with a bug 49-7 win over New Brockton, Dale County knocked off Ashford 19-12, Pike County beat up on Geneva 43-7 and Straughn dumped Daleville 36-7. (5A) #1 Vigor spanked LeFlore 50-0, #2 Moody downed Jacksonville 42-21 and #3 Williamson buried Elberta 64-9, while closer to home Montgomery Catholic slipped to 1-2 with a 35-24 loss to Eufaula, Andalusia handled Headland 36-15, Carroll remained winless with a 36-20 loss to Elmore County, and Charles Henderson got past Greenville 21-13. (6A) #1 Parker pounded Gardendale 47-3, #2 Clay-Chalkville coasted past Pell City 52-9 and #3 Saraland slammed Gulf Shores 43-14, while closer to home Rehobeth got run over by Pike Road 63-0. (7A) #1 Central Phenix City rolled past Smiths Station 56-20, #2 Thompson embarrassed Tuscaloosa County 69-0 and #2 Hoover was upset by Tuscaloosa Hillcrest 34-26, while closer to home Enterprise surrendered over 600 yards rushing in a record-setting 69-28 region loss to Dothan.

*** *The Alabama High School Athletic Association* is holding its ground and vowing to fight after Gov. Kay Ivey sued the organization last week and got a temporary restraining order that prohibited the AHSAA from enforcing its rule regarding financial aid related to the CHOOSE Act. The restraining order didn't stop the AHSAA from enforcing all other eligibility rules, and a court hearing will be set within two weeks to discuss the

matter. The CHOOSE Act provides students up to \$7,000 in funding to attend schools outside their actual school zones, and while it was thought the act would be used primarily by students wishing to attend private schools, it bled over into athletics as students sought to become eligible to play sports immediately, and not sit out one full year as dictated by the AHSAA under its rules concerned with 'financial aid' received by transferring students. In the past the AHSAA has always prevailed in court because it is a 'member run' association that makes its own rules that are voted on by its members. I know times are changing in sports at all levels, but the time may be close for the AHSAA to re-write its constitution and make it an association for public schools, only.

*** *It wasn't a bad week for the three college teams* that most area fans care about as Alabama mauled Louisiana Monroe 73-0, Auburn bounced Ball State 42-3 and Troy threw a scare into Clemson before falling 27-16. It was also a big money weekend as the Crimson Tide handed ULM a check for \$1.9 million, Auburn paid Ball State \$1.4 for its visit to Jordan-Hare, and the Trojans brought home a check for \$1.5 million from its trip to Death Valley. I guess all things considered it really wasn't a bad week at all.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* emailed me his picks again this week, but did call late in the day and stated he is beginning to find his groove after hitting on 30 of 37 picks last week. The local guesspert said he can't remember the last time every team in Coffee County lost on the same night, and then predicted it would not happen again this season. This week's schedule is filled with toss-ups, but here is his fearless forecast for week #4....

ELBA VS. KINSTON

The Pea River felines may be beginning to grow some claws after three weeks and will need to have them sharpened Friday night when they head down near the county line looking to avoid a pack of dogs that can smell blood in the water. This one should be fun for the fans and could be won in the fourth quarter.

ELBA 20 KINSTON 18

ZION CHAPEL VS. HIGHLAND HOME

The troops from up at Fort Jack misfired a couple of times last week while on a bird hunt over in Pike County,

and this week will have to sharpen their sites even more if they hope to be able to force a squadron of flyboys from Crenshaw County to land out near the parking lot. The guess here is the fans will have to find somewhere else to park.

ZION CHAPEL 27 HIGHLAND HOME 24

NEW BROCKTON VS. DALEVILLE

The roosters were kinda quiet last weekend after losing more than just a couple of feathers in a trip to Covington County, but could be seen inside the coop sharpening their talons getting ready for a visit this weekend by a flock of birdies from over near Fort Rucker. The feathers will be flying Friday night.

NEW BROCKTON 30 DALEVILLE 21

OTHER PICKS:

Leroy 29 Sweet Water 14
Millry 27 Marengo 12
Brantley 14 Red Level 8
Florala 22 Pleasant Home 8
Goshen 34 Calhoun 12
Maplesville 45 Notasulga 0
Lanett 55 Barbour County 0
T.R. Miller 28 Flomaton 10
Montgomery Academy 31 Wicksburg 7
Prattville Christian 26 Northside Methodist 14
Houston Academy 35 Slocumb 14
Luverne 49 Pike Lib 0
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Cottonwood 36 Houston County 6
Providence Ch. 30 Samson 16
Fyffe 47 Asbury 8
Jackson 28 Baker 13
Straughn 21 Dale County 20
Ashford 27 Geneva 18
Charles Henderson 22 Carroll 20
Eufaula 27 Headland 14
Andalusia 35 Greenville 12
Russell County 33 Percy Julian 28
Pike Road 31 Wetumpka 10
Prattville 38 Tuscaloosa County 10
Auburn 17 Enterprise 14
Carver 29 Smiths Station 8
Central PC 28 Dothan 27

Elba Tigers still looking for win #1 in region road test against confident Kinston Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers and Kinston Bulldogs will renew their football rivalry Friday night at Kinston's Bulldog Stadium with a region win on the line in a contest that many county fans believe will be the most hotly contested match-up in the eight-year history of the series.

"Kinston has a good football team on both sides of the ball, is very well coached and many of the players were on the junior high team that beat Elba last season," said Elba Tiger head coach Jon Cooper. "We expect the best they have on every play and know we will have to play our best game of the season to take home a win."

"On offense they run a version of the wing-t, out of a shotgun formation and do a really good job running their base offense," added Cooper. "They like to run the buck sweep, use misdirection to get the defense confused, and are very well disciplined. They have a running back that will carry the load on every play when needed, and a young quarterback that is smart and very athletic. The offense they can control the clock, move the chains and put points on the scoreboard. It may not look fancy, but it is effective and Kinston does a great job running it. Over on defense they line up in a look similar to us, are physical at the line of scrimmage and play hard. They play to win every time they put on the pads, and will come into this week's game confident they can win the game."

"If we are going to be successful Friday night we will have to play sound football on every play," said Cooper, in his first season at Elba. "On offense we will need to be successful running the football, and at the same time spread the field. We are going to throw it a little more than in the past, but we have good receivers and feel we can often get a defense in a formation that will be productive to our style of play. On defense we have to get more stops, rally to the ball and not get caught with our eyes not knowing where the ball is. Kinston will run a lot of plays that



Sophomore Powell Bane took over the quarterback duties during the second quarter last week against McKenzie, and he led the Tigers to three touchdowns

will require us to read our keys and at the same time be aggressive and meet at the ball. We will need to get off our blocks and make stops. Kinston is a solid football team in all areas, and proved in a win against Geneva County it can dominate the game at the line of scrimmage. We are going into the game expecting Kinston to play its best game of the season and play with confidence. We know we are in for a four-quarter dogfight."

When asked about last week's 50-20 region road loss to McKenzie, Coach Cooper stated, "We were all disappointed in the outcome of the game, but

we did improve in some areas and have to keep improving every day at practice and on Friday nights. We hurt ourselves with penalties and bad plays early in the game when the outcome was up for grabs, and even though the score got out of hand, I think we played hard in the second half and didn't quit. On offense we played a lot of folks and had a lot of players gain experience, and even on defense we had some players that picked up their game. We have to be fundamentally sound on both sides of the ball, which is all about blocking and tackling, and learning as we go. We started a thirteen-year-old at defense that also saw time on offense, and any times didn't have a senior on the field. The younger players are learning what it takes to be successful and must learn to play at a high

level of intensity. I know everyone is disappointed with the start this season, but we have seven regular season games left on the schedule and our goal is to win 'em all."

The two county rivals first met on the gridiron back in 1929 with the Tigers claiming a 27-0 win, but after a 41-27 Elba win in 1938 the two teams didn't meet again until 1995, with Elba coming out on top 48-6. The series took another long break after the third meeting, but the teams have met five times over the last seven years with the Tigers winning by an average of 32 points.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Friday in Kinston. Construction of a multipurpose building on Kinston's campus has changed some of the parking availability this season. Fans are urged to look for the parking signs.

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SPORTS NEWS

Elba Tigers drop region opener 50-20

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by, Colby Capps



Elba Tiger Ky'Avian Stoudemire (15) heads upfield after pulling in a pass in last week's region road game at McKenzie. Stoudemire had 4 catches for 42 yards in the 50-20 loss.



Elba Tiger Powell Bane (5) fights for yardage as he tries to pull away from a McKenzie defender. Bane rushed for 20 yards and passed for 81 yards in last week's region road clash.



Elba Tiger cheerleaders kept the spirit last week as the Tigers staged a second half rally in a region road loss to McKenzie.

The Elba Tigers saw their early-season victory drought continue Friday night with a 50-20 region road loss to the McKenzie Tigers, in McKenzie.

Elba saw two early scoring chances result in no points after beginning its first two drives inside the McKenzie 40-yardline. However, McKenzie did begin its scoring parade on its second series as it went 81 yards in nine plays to grab the lead. Quay Jackson was the workhorse of the scoring drive as he rushed for 19 yards on two carries and completed two passes for 35 yards and the first touchdown of the night on an 8-yard pass to Drayden Simpson to put the hometown Tigers on top 6-0 with 3:44 left in the first quarter.

McKenzie scored on its next possession on an 18-yard pass from Jackson to Ayden Willsey to cap a seven-play, 62-yard drive, and upped its lead to 14-0 with 11:54 left in the second quarter on a two-point run by Willsey.

McKenzie pushed its lead to 22-0 with 8:34 remaining in the quarter on a three-play, 43-yard drive that was climaxed by a 15-yard run by Jackson, and a two-point pass from Jackson to Malachi Tolbert, and then stretched its lead to 30-0 with 4:20 left in the half on a 49-yard td toss from Jackson to Kasthea Bullard, and a two-point conversion by Willsey.

McKenzie scored on its fourth straight offensive series with 1:09 left on the clock on a 54-yard dash by Willsey, and while a two-point conversion failed to add points, the home fans were on their feet as McKenzie went in at intermission with a 36-0 advantage.

Elba recovered a fumble at midfield on the second half kickoff after a big hit by Tyceson Davis and cashed in the turnover as the Tigers went 50 yards in just three plays to reach the endzone.

A 27-yard pass from Powell Bane to Levi Martin ignited the scoring march, while Davis rushed twice for 23 yards and scored the Tiger touchdown on an 11-yard run. A two-point run failed to add points, but with 10:37 left in the third quarter the Tigers were within 36-6.

The Elba score failed to faze McKenzie; however, as it needed only three plays to score two touchdowns to open up a 50-6 lead. McKenzie's first td of the half came with 9:32 left in the third quarter on a 50-yard run by Quay Jackson, while its final points of the night came with 6:45 left in the quarter on a 55-yard run by Johnny Davison and a two-point run by Davison.

Elba found its way back into the endzone on its ensuing possession as the Tigers went 71 yards in six plays. Tyceson Davis rushed three times for 49 yards to lead the Tigers downfield and scored his second touchdown of the game on a 5-yard run, and Powell Bane connected with Ky'Avian Stoudemire with a two-point pass to cut McKenzie's lead to 50-14 with 2:49 still left in the



Elba Tiger Matthew McCart (68) takes control of a McKenzie defender with a block at the line of scrimmage. Elba will travel to Kinston Friday night looking for to even its region record at 1-1 after a slow 0-3 start.

third quarter.

The Tigers began their next possession at their own 43-yardline after a defensive stop, and this time went 57 yards in four plays to score their final points of the night. Powell Bane completed two passes for 32 yards to spark the scoring march, which was capped off by Tyceson Davis with a 21-yard scoring gallop, as the Tigers pulled within 50-20 with 6:18 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Elba had one final chance to get on the scoreboard and reached the McKenzie 27-yardline after a 23-yard run by Laquatos Edwards, but saw the clock reach zero with McKenzie claiming the big 50-20 region win.

Tyceson Davis rushed for 142 yards and 3 touchdowns on 14 carries to lead the Elba offensive attack, while Powell Bane completed 5 of 13 passes for 81 yards and Jayden Baker completed 5 of 10 passes for 56 yards, with Ky'Avian Stoudemire pulling in four passes for 42 yards and Levi Martin having 2 catches for 42 yards.

McKenzie was a two-man show on offense as Quay Jackson rushed for 109 yards and two td's on five carries and completed 7 of 10 passes for 117 yards and three td's, while Ayden Willsey rushed for 87 yards and one td on nine carries and had three pass receptions for 16 yards and one td.

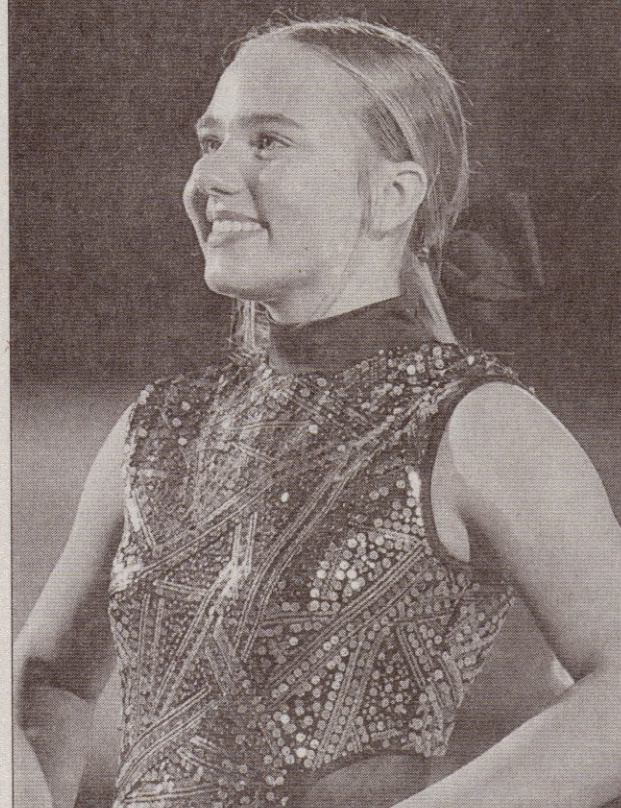
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Elba Tiger Levi Martin (9) goes high to pull in a pass in last week's region battle in McKenzie. Martin caught 2 passes for 42 yards in the 50-20 road loss that left the Tigers 0-3 on the season.



The Elba Marching Tiger Band made the long trip to McKenzie and performed at halftime, earning a loud ovation from all fans at the game. Pictured here is danceline member Payton Parks during the performance.



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New Brockton Gamecock Aden Barkley (6) looks for running room outside in last week's region road battle against the Opp Bobcats.



New Brockton Gamecock fan Addy Bryant was excited to cheer for her favorite team last Friday night in Opp. The Gamecocks may not have gotten the win, but Addy was still all smiles for her team!



Kinston Bulldog Jackson Cowen (2) is ready for action. The Bulldogs will host Elba Friday with both teams looking to claim a region win.

Gamecocks caged in 49-7 region road loss to Opp

Statistics by, Brandon White
Photos by, Linda Hodge

The New Brockton Gamecocks threw an early scare into the seventh-ranked Opp Bobcats Friday night with a 65-yard touchdown pass from Wesley Creel to Anthony Silar, but never found their way back into the endzone and committed seven turnovers in a 49-7 region road loss, at Randy Griffin Field, at Channel-Lee stadium.

Opp scored in only three plays on its first possession to grab a quick 7-0 lead. However, New Brockton needed only one play to answer the Bobcat score when Creel connected with Silar on a 65-yard touchdown toss, and Jayden McLendon added the extra-point as the Gamecocks pulled even at 7-7.

The Bobcats scored on their second series to regain the lead at 13-7, took advantage of a short punt to cover 20 yards in two plays to go on top 21-7, and then cashed in a Gamecock fumble with 1:06 left in the half to carry in a 28-7 lead at intermission.

Opp scored on its initial possession of the third quarter to up its advantage to 35-7, added a score on its next possession to go on top 42-7, and picked up a Gamecock fumble and returned it for a score as the Bobcats handed New Brockton the 49-7 region loss.

Wesley Creel completed 9 of 13 passes, with four interceptions, for 122 yards and one score to lead the New Brockton offense, with Anthony Silar pulling in four passes for 88 yards and one td, and Cayden Wallace making two catches for 37 yards. Marquez Henderson rushed for 33 yards on eight carries to lead the Gamecocks on the ground, while Shak Middleton added 32 yards rushing on three carries and Conner Leuci gained 29 yards on nine carries.

The New Brockton defense was led by Peyton Collins with 7 tackles, Bryant Crumpler with 6 tackles, Cooper Medley with 5 tackles and a pass interception, Gabriel Dean with 4 tackles, and Leo Reyes with 3 stops and a fumble recovery.

Matthew Morgan rushed for 107 yards and two td's on 10 carries to lead Opp, while Brandyn Washington rushed for two touchdowns and Saban Sasser had one rushing touchdown, and Brody Ellis caught a td toss from Talan Wicker. The Bobcat defense was led by A.J. Smallwood with 12 tackles and two fumbles, with one recovery returned for a touchdown.

Bulldogs drop region road test at Red Level 29-22

From combined reports
Photos by, Linda Hodge

The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters Friday night in a 29-22 region road loss to the Red Level Tigers.

Kinston suffered a pair of turnovers on its initial two offensive series, but the Bulldog defense never backed down as neither team was able to find its way to the endzone in a scoreless first quarter.

Kinston lost its second fumble of the game in the second quarter as it continued to battle the turnover bug. However, the defense continued its physical play and at intermission the teams went in with the scoreboard still reading 0-0.

Red Level returned the second half kickoff for a touchdown and added a two-point conversion to grab an 8-0 lead, and it appeared the Tigers would add to their lead after another Bulldog bobble, but the defense again rose to the challenge and after stopping a Red Level threat, Kinston got on the scoreboard when Judd Green scored on a 1-yard run. Lucas Farris ran in the two-point conversion, as the Bulldogs pulled back even at 8-8.

Red Level moved back on top 15-8 on a big play to answer the Kinston score, but the Bulldogs bounced right back on a 5-yard td run by Jon Simmons to cut the Tigers' lead to 15-14, still in the third quarter.

Red Level got back in the endzone on its initial possession of the fourth quarter and added a two-point conversion to up its lead to 23-14. However, Kinston's offense was now on a roll and went back down the field and scored on an 8-yard run by Jon Simmons, and Simmons also ran in the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs pulled within 23-22.

Red Level took the ensuing kick and dampened the Bulldogs comeback hopes as the Tigers again reached the endzone to push their lead to 29-22.

Kinston saw the turnover bug come back for a final bite late in the game as a pass interception allowed Red Level to kill clock and preserve the 29-22 region win.

Jon Simmons rushed for 90 yards and two touchdowns and completed 6 of 9 passes for 156 yards to lead the Bulldog offensive attack, while Judd Green added 85 yards rushing and one td on 10 carries and caught four passes for 125 yards, and Lucas Farris rushed for 77 yards on 12 carries.



New Brockton Gamecock Conner Leuci (2) eyes a hole in the Bobcat defense after taking a handoff in last week's region loss at Opp.



New Brockton Gamecock Band kept the fans fired up with inspiring music from the stands at last week's region game in Opp.



Kinston Bulldog Judd Green (9) heads outside and finds room to run. Green will lead Kinston Friday night in a region clash with Elba.



Kinston Bulldog Band performed at halftime at last week's region road match-up at Red Level and received a rousing ovation.

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SPORTS NEWS

Rebels drop region battle to Goshen 29-22

From combined reports
Photos by, Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Goshen Friday night in their first region battle of the season and it was truly a battle for all four quarters as the Goshen

Eagles pulled ahead late in the second quarter and held on for an exciting 31-21 victory. Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard first and grabbed a 6-0 lead with 5:38 remaining in the first quarter when John

Foster Hamm connected with Jerimiah Stinson on a 37-yard touchdown toss, only to see Goshen answer the early score and take a 7-6 lead with 2:55 left in the quarter on a 37-yard run by Jaylon Vinson and the extra-point by Zion Pictoste.

The Rebels weren't down for long; however, as on the first play from scrimmage on its ensuing series John Foster Hamm went back to the airways and hooked up with Gaven Finger with an 80-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was successful, as Zion Chapel regained the lead at 14-7.

Goshen's offense was also clicking on all cylinders in the opening quarter and again answered the Rebel score to pull even at 14-14. Grant Taylor scored the Eagle touchdown on a 3-yard run, and Picatoste added the extra-point as Goshen pulled even with 1:23 still left in a wild first quarter of play.

The Eagles added a late 25-yard field-goal by Pictoste as Goshen carried a 17-14 lead in at the half, and it was the Eagles that scored first in the second half on a 12-yard run by Vinson and a Pictoste extra-point that extended Goshen's lead to 24-14.

Zion Chapel battled back after the Goshen score and cut the Eagles lead to

24-21 with 2:45 left in the third quarter on a 1-yard run by John Foster Hamm, and a Hamm extra-point. However, the Eagles cashed in a Zion Chapel turnover when Taylor crashed over from 3 yards out with 7:04 remaining in the final stanza, and Pictoste again added the extra-point as Goshen took a 31-21 lead.

The Rebels had three offensive series in the fourth quarter, but saw two end in turnovers and the third on an Eagle defensive stand, as Goshen held on and survived the Rebel invasion to post the 31-21 region win.

John Foster Hamm completed 8 of 12 passes, with two interceptions, for 178 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 61 yards and one td on 17 carries to lead the Rebel offense, while on defense the Rebels were led by Brayden Benbow with 13 tackles, while Jerimiah Stinson added 9 tackles, including four tackles for a loss, and Trent Elrod had 3 stops and a pass interception.

Grant Taylor rushed for 79 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries and completed 8 of 16 passes, with one interception, for 91 yards to lead the Eagles offense, while Jaylon Vinson rushed for 137 yards and two td's on 14 carries.



Zion Chapel Rebel Jerimiah Stinson (9) pulls in a touchdown pass in last week's region road battle against the Goshen Eagles.



Zion Chapel Rebel John Foster Hamm (2) finds lots of room to run in last week's region clash with Goshen. Hamm rushed for 61 yards and 1 touchdown and passed for 178 yards and 2 touchdowns in the 31-21 region road loss that left the Rebels region record 0-1.

Elba JV Tigers bounce Brantley Bulldogs 28-14

The Elba JV Tigers evened their record at 1-1 last Tuesday night with an impressive 28-14 win over the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley scored on its first possession of the night on a 54-yard run by Ayden Abadilla and a two-point run by Jaydon Mack to grab an early 8-0 lead. However, the Tigers bounced right back and led by the running and passing of Jerimiah Melton marched 65 yards in 12 plays to pull even. Melton connected with Kimorion Lane on a 15-yard pass to set Elba up first and goal at the Brantley 6-yardline, and the shifty quarterback also rushed for 47 yards on six carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 2-yard dash. Melton

also ran in the two-point conversion to pull the Tigers even at 8-8 with 5:55 left in the second quarter.

Elba began its next series at the Brantley 33-yardline after a defensive stop and this time needed only one play to find the endzone as on the first play of the possession Jerimiah Melton dropped and fired a strike to Kimorion Lane for a 33-yard touchdown. A two-point run failed, but with 3:00 left in the half the Tigers were on top 14-8.

Brantley came back and caught the Tigers at 14-14 on the game's ensuing possession when Mack connected with Kameran Melton on a 65-yard touchdown toss. However,

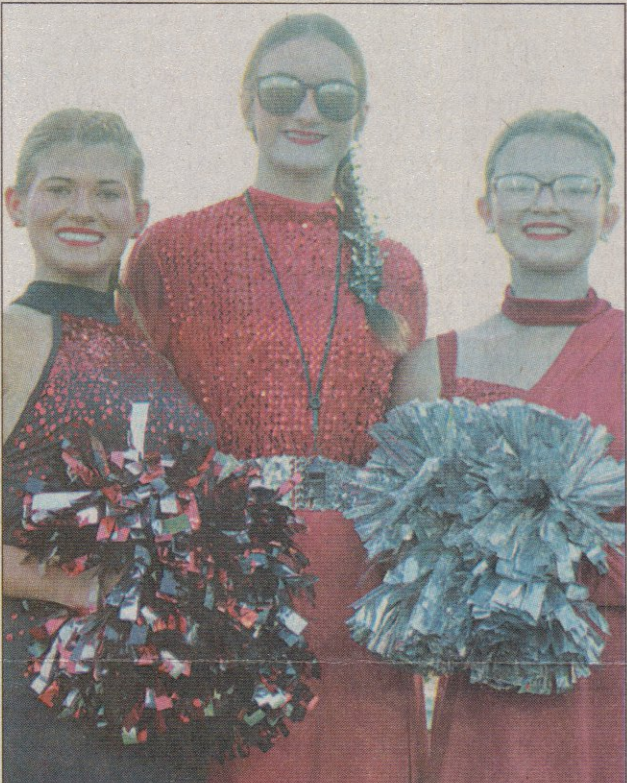
the Tigers again answered the Bulldog score as they went 65 yards in five plays to move back on top. A 22-yard pass from Jerimiah Melton to Corbin Eddins and a 39-yard completion from Melton to Kimorion Lane were key plays in the scoring drive, while the score came on a 1-yard run by Laquatos Edwards. Melton passed to Lane for the two-point conversion, and at the half the Tigers were on top 22-14.

Elba put the ball in play to begin the second half and scored on its fourth straight possession as the Tigers went 65 yards in seven plays to extend their lead. Jerimiah Melton rushed for 54 yards on three carries and completed a 10-yard pass to Dylan Holley to spark the long scoring drive, while the score on a 6-yard blast off tackle by Corbin Eddins. A two-point pass kissed its

target, but with 3:18 left in the third quarter Elba had opened up a 28-14 lead.

Neither team threatened to score again for the remainder of the game, and when Elba's Stryker McCord recovered a Brantley fumble with time running out, the Tigers watched the clock reach :00 as they celebrated the 28-14 win.

Jerimiah Melton rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries and completed 6 of 8 passes for 127 yards and one td to lead the Elba offense, while Kimorion Lane had three catches for 87 yards and one td and Laquatos Edwards rushed for 28 yards and one td on six carries. Laquatos Edwards and Corbin Eddins had six tackles, apiece, to lead the Tiger defense, while Dylan Holley had four stops and Stryker McCord had two tackles and a fumble recovery.



Zion Chapel Rebel Band members were ready to enjoy a region battle last week at Goshen. The Rebels will host Highland Home Friday night.



Elba JV Tiger Jerimiah Melton had a big night with 111 yards rushing and 111 yards passing in a 28-14 win over Brantley. (photo by Linda Hodge, Publisher)

Lady 'Dawgs beat Pleasant Home and Opp in recent volleyball action

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs defeated Pleasant Home Aug. 26th in varsity action winning in three sets 25-10, 25-20, and 25-10. Lillie Sumblin had 15 serves with three aces along with 12 passes, 25 sets, and three blocks to lead Kinston in the match.

Gracie Rhoades had 16 passes, 20 hitss, and four kills; Rylie Rhoades had 22 sets; and Emma-Kate Marler had 12 serves with three aces.

The Junior High and JV Kinston teams also secured wins over Pleasant Home.

On Aug. 28, the varsity Lady 'Dawgs defeated Opp in four sets 25-18, 25-19, 18-25, and 29-27. Lillie Sumblin again led the team with 21 serves and 39 passes.

Gracie Rhoades contributed 11 serves and 33 passes; Maddie Williamson had 12 serves and 14 passes; and Maggie Martin had 43 passes.

The Kinston Junior High team also defeated Opp while the JV team lost.

WEEKLY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 11 (Volleyball)	Zion Chapel at Samson JV 6:00
Zion Chapel at Elba JV-V 6:00	Opp at New Brockton Middle 5:00
Pleasant Home at Kinston JR-JV-V 4:00	Opp at New Brockton JV 6:30
Charles Henderson at New Brockton JV-V 4:00	Brantley at Goshen JV 6:00

Monday, Sept. 15 (Volleyball)	Tuesday, Sept. 16 (Volleyball)
Elba at Brantley JV-V 4:00	Elba at Pike County JV-V 1:00
Kinston at Goshen JV-V 4:00	Zion Chapel at Kinston JR-JV-V 4:00
Pike Lib at New Brockton JR-JV-V (Football)	Brantley at Goshen JR-JV-V 4:00
Kinston at Elba JV 6:00	

Lady Tigers slip to 0-5 in volleyball with road loss to New Brockton

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 0-5 last week with a hard fought 3-2 loss to New Brockton. The Lady Tigers jumped out to a two-set advantage in the contest, only to watch the Lady Gamecocks rally for the home court win.

Elba will host Zion Chapel Thursday night in a rematch of a county rivalry, in both varsity and junior varsity action, with action to begin at 6:00 pm.



Elba Lady Tiger Keelie Moseley returns a volley.

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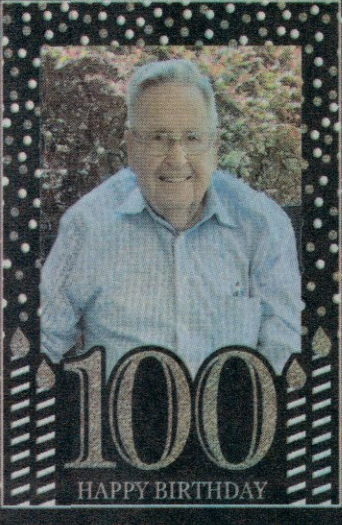
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Let's Celebrate!



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What does the Bible say about... the Lord's Supper?

Article written by Douglas Williams



One of the identifying marks of the church of Christ, or the First Church, is that they partook of the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week. The Bible teaches that Christians met on the first day of the week, which is Sunday or the Lord's Day, and as they met to worship, they observed the Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7 says, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them..." Acts 2:42 says, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." The Lord's Supper was a part of their worship along with singing, praying, teaching, and giving. Significantly, we worship on the first day of the week, which is the same day Jesus was resurrected (Luke 24:1-10).

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:26-28).

The context of the above scripture was while Jesus and his disciples were observing the Passover Feast. On the evening before His crucifixion, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper or communion. We also read accounts of this at Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20, and at 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Paul gives the account of the institution of the Lord's Supper that he says he received from the Lord, meaning this information was directly revealed to Paul by Christ.

We have seen when we are to partake, now let's look at how we are to partake of the Lord's Supper. Paul writes about the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:20. In this chapter, Paul gives instructions that it is not to be a common meal, but that Christians are to examine themselves and not partake unworthily (not in an unworthy manner), but in a proper way, proclaiming the Lord's death till He comes. Paul also says if we do not do this in the right way by discerning the Lord's body, we are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, and eat and drink damnation to ourselves.

Each Sunday we should look forward to the communion as the highlight of our week having the attitude of David when he said, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). What a wonderful privilege it is to have this wonderful memorial to remind us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

**** Douglas Williams is a Church of Christ minister and former resident of Elba, Ala. He and his wife, Glenda, currently reside in Montgomery, Ala.**



Several members of the Elba 1966 Class Breakfast group enjoyed the monthly meeting Tuesday morning, Sept. 9, at Ms. Linda's Restaurant in downtown Elba. Fellowship and food were enjoyed by all. The gathering was short in numbers this month, but those present said they had plenty of quality. Pictured L to R: Eddie Thompson, Jerry Brown, Judy Galimore Brown, Bobby Edmondson, Terry Calhoun, David Blackmon, Harry Young, Kenneth Baker, Merrill Shirley, and John Lawless. Photo taken by Linda Harrison.



GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY...Mila Cole of Elba is pictured above with Elba City Schools administrators Christina Morgan, Elba Career Academy principal; Kenya Martin, Elba Elementary School principal; and Jermaine Shakespeare, Elba High School principal. In her role as a Miss Southern Dollz, Mila recently was in her community and school spreading the word of Project D.O.L.L. and collecting hygiene products. This is just one way Mila Cole shines through service and gives back to the community as a Miss Southern Dollz queen.

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**** All are invited to the Annual Rainbow Tea at Daleville Christian Fellowship Worship Center set for Saturday, Sept. 13, at 3 p.m. The event will be in the ArchBishop Carl McComb Community Life Center, Daleville, Ala.**

THE COST OF FAILING THE TEST

There seems to be no end to the schemes people come up with to make money at the expense of others. A business known as Test-A-Mate is a good example. If you think your husband or wife could be tempted into being unfaithful to you for \$250 you can hire Test-A-Mate to "test your mate." Here's how it works: the suspicious mate looks at a photo album of attractive models for the person to whom he or she thinks his mate might be attracted. This person is then sent to the mate's favorite restaurant, health club, or other place where he or she socializes. The decoy does not initiate any conversation; but if the mate does, Test-A-Mate will report on whatever degree of unfaithfulness develops. Suppose a husband or wife succumbs to the tempta-

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Bane added that in Alabama pedestrians do have the right-of-way in a cross walk but without something there to force traffic to stop or a cross guard there is really no way to enforce it.

The council took no official action on the matter during Monday night's meeting.

In other business, the council approved an alcohol license for Mia's Mexican Grill. Also, council members voted to reappoint Jack Brunson to the library board.

tion, but later is sorry for having done so, the seeds of doubt have already been sown and may flower into a divorce. Suppose the mate does not succumb, but finds out about the other's lack of confidence in him or her, what then? The results may still be a broken marriage, even though the suspicious mate may regret having ever initiated such foolishness. We often forget that sorrow for sin or stupidity may be genuinely felt and expressed, but there are always consequences to our attitudes and actions. Israel discovered this fact of life to its deep regret. The peoples lack of faith cost a whole generation the opportunity to enjoy the land that God had promised them. C.R.B.

Question/Answer Section Q/A for the week of 9/11/2025 - Fill in the blanks

Q) The Thessalonians were examples to believers in ____ and ____.

A) Macedonia, Achaia - 1 Thessalonians 1:7

Q) Children of Light are instructed to ____ and ____.

A) Watch, sober - 1 Thessalonians 5:5,6

Q) Those singing Praise to the Lamb were made ____ and ____ unto God.

A) Kings, Priests - Revelation 5:10

Thought to remember

Sin never wins
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He will save you

Questions for the week of 9/18/2025

Answer the questions

Q) Which two disciples did Jesus sent to prepare the Passover?

Q) What was Jesus' mood as He prayed in Gethsemane?

Q) For what alleged crime was Jesus condemned to death?

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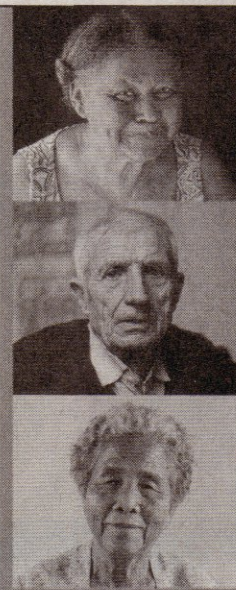
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